

KEYNOTE INFORMATION



Neal M. Horen, Ph.D.

Neal Horen is the Director of the Early Childhood Division at the Center for Child and Human Development, and the Director of the HOYA clinic in the Department of Psychiatry. In that capacity he oversees the Center's efforts in early childhood including work in professional development, technical assistance, research and evaluation and clinical services.

Dr. Horen has been a leader in the field of early childhood mental health for the last two decades. He has assisted all states, a number of tribal nations and territories and hundreds of communities in development of systems of care for young children and their families. Dr. Horen has provided technical assistance and is considered one of the country's leading experts in the development of a system of care in early childhood. He is the lead on early childhood for the National TA Network.

In addition, Dr. Horen has co-led the Center's efforts around Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation. He serves as co-lead of the National Center of Excellence on Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation and lectures extensively across the country. He has led a number of state and community efforts to build their mental health consultation services. Dr. Horen co-leads the mental health efforts on the Head Start National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness. He presents across the country on issues related to early childhood mental health including addressing challenging behavior, addressing trauma in young children and their families as well as staff wellness.

Dr. Horen is a licensed child psychologist and continues to provide services to young children and their families. In that capacity, Dr. Horen continues to provide therapeutic services and provide mental health consultation services. He works closely with other members of the Department of Psychiatry in coordinating services and supports for families.

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